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ON INDOCHINA AID TO SENATOR BROOKE

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SUMMARY: DURING SENATOR BROOKE' S VISIT TO TOKYO, PM TANAKA STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REHABILITATION OF VIETNAM (NORTH AND SOUTH) TO WHICH U. S., USSR, PRC, JAPAN, EUROPEAN AND OTHER NATIONS SHOULD BE INVITED. EVEN IF USSR AND PRC DECLINED, CONFERENCE WOULD STILL BE DESIRABLE. FORMIN OHIRA EMPHASIZED GOJ' S DESIRE TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG ON INDOCHINA AID. TRIP BY FONOFF OFFICIAL TO HANOI HAS AIM OF PROBING NVN' S INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND OF ATTEMPTING ASSESSMENT NVN' S AID EXPECTATIONS OF GOJ. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE EN ROUTE TO INDOCHINA, SENATOR BROOKE VISITED TOKYO TO DISCUSS JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD AID TO THOSE STATES WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICAL LEADERS (LDP AND OPPOSITION), AND OTHERS. CONVERSATIONS RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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VOLVED AROUND JAPANESE VIEW ON AID TO INDOCHINA, I. E., THAT IT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HAVING THREE OBJECTIVES, EMERGENCY RELIEF, B/P STABILIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT THE MODE OF EXTENSION SOULD PREFERABLY BE WITHIN A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK. WHILE NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD CAUSE THE EMBASSY TO REVISE ITS VIEWS ON JAPANESE AID TO INDOCHINA AND TO SOUTH VIETNAM AS SET FORTH IN REF A, SOME USEFUL NUANCES AND CLARIFICATIONS AROSE WHICH ARE REPORTED BELOW. (MEMCONS ARE BEING POUCHED.)

2. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AID TO VIETNAM. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF VIETNAM (BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH) TO WHICH THE U. S., USSR, PRC, JAPAN, EUROPEAN AND OTHER NATIONS WOULD BE INVITED. HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT THE USSR WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO SUCH A CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME CHANCE THAT THE PRC WOULD. IN HIS VIEW, EVEN IF THE LATTER GOVERNMENT DID NOT PARTICIPATE, SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CONFERENCE ITSELF AND THE ACTUAL EXTENSION OF AID, SAYING THAT GOJ WILLING CONSIDER EXTENSION OF AID ON BILATERAL BASIS OR THROUGH MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK. GOJ WOULD PREFER MULTILATERAL CHANNEL SINCE IT WOULD MAKE EXTENSION OF AID EASIER FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

3. CONSULTATIONS WITH U. S. ON AID TO INDOCHINA. FORMIN OHIRA EMPHASIZED GOJ'S DESIRE TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH U. S. ON MATTER OF AID TO INDOCHINESE STATES. WHILE IMPLYING PREFERENCE FOR A MULTILATERAL APPROACH IN EXTENDING AID, HE ALSO STRESSED THAT GOJ HAD NO SET PLAN FOR EXTENSION AID TO THOSE STATES.

4. JAPANESE AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM. FORMIN OHIRA COMMENTED THAT OPPOSITION PARTIES FAVOR NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG AND ARE COOL TO GVN. AS LONG AS GOVERNMENT TAKES POSITION OF PROVIDING AID TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM ON A NON- DISCRIMINATORY BASIS, HE DID
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NOT EXPECT OPPOSITION WOULD BE TOO STRONG TOWARD AID TO SVN.

5. UNTIED AID. BOTH PRIME MINISTER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FONOFF OFFICIAL, STATED AS GENERALIZATION, THAT GOJ INTENDED TO EXTEND UNTIED AID TO VIETNAM.

6. FONOFF OFFICIAL (MIYAKE) TRIP TO HANOI. COMMENTS BY CABINET MINISTERS AND FONOFF OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MIYAKE, INDICATE MIYAKE WILL PROBE NVN ATTITUDE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES IN ORDER TO ASSIST GOJ IN CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NVN. ALSO WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOME IDEA OF NVN'S RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS AND THAT GOVERNMENT'S EXPECTATIONS OF AID FROM GOJ. IN ADDITION, MIYAKE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP THREE SPECIFIC MINOR MATTERS. HE WOULD PREFER TO AVAILABILITY OF SMALL AMOUNT OF GRANT AID FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES (\$3.3 MILLION FOR ALL FOUR INDOCHINESE STATES); LOOK INTO QUESTION OF MISSING JAPANESE JOURNALISTS; AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK WITH HANOI.

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7. OTHER CALLS. SENATOR BROOKE MET WITH MITI MINISTER NAKASONE, YOUNG LDP LEADER YOHEI KONO, AND KEIDANREN MANAGING DIRECTOR SENG. CONVER-

SATIONS WITH THEM DID NOT REVEAL ANY FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INSIGHTS INTO GOJ'S ATTITUDE TOWARD AID TO INDOCHINESE STATES.

8. IN MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS, SECRETARY- GENERAL ISHIBASHI OF JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY AND CHAIRMAN TAKEIRI OF KOMEITO PARTY EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF GENEROUS, UNTIED AID ON MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL BASIS, PROVIDED SUCH AID EQUITABLY DIVIDED BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND AMONG OTHER INDOCHINESE STATES. TAKEIRI SUGGESTED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY BODY MONITOR AID PROGRAMS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE USE FOR PEOPLE RATHER THAN FOR PRIVILEGED UPPER CLASSES.

9. SENATOR BROOKE ALSO HAD SEPARATE MEETING WITH DIET UPPER HOUSE JSP MEMBER HIDEO DEN WHO IS CONSIDERED JSP'S EXPERT ON NVN. DEN ARGUED STRONGLY THAT GOJ SHOULD EXTEND AID DIRECTLY TO PRG, TAKING VIEW THAT USG, GOJ, AND GVN UNDERESTIMATE AMOUNT OF TERRITORY CONFIDENTIAL

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TROLLED BY PRG. HE ARGUED THAT AID SHOULD BE CHANNELLED DIRECTLY TO PRG BECAUSE AID ROUTED THROUGH QTE CORRUPT UNQTE THIEU GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT REACH PRG AREAS OR PEOPLE AS A WHOLE FOR THAT MATTER.
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